(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the result of the inquiry, if any conducted by Government into the callous handling of the objects to fix responsibility stat ing the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No. However, maquettes, models made of clay; wax or plaster of paris, were invited from the sculptors for awarding the work for preparation of the statues. During their transit to Delhi some of them were slightly damaged. They were got repaired by experts in the National Museum.

(b) and (c) The damaged maquettes were photographed and the record is available. No inquiry was considered necessary in view of the facts mentioned above.

Scarcity of water in Kopargaon

1362. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 29th June, 1987 regarding distribution of drinking water On ration cards in Kopargaon town in Ahmednagar district due to acute water scarcity; and

(b) f so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Material had been called for from the Government of Maharashtra and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Visit of World Bank team to irrigation projects in Orissa

1363. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Team after visiting certain irrigation pro jects in Orissa financed by the Bank have expressed its dissatisfaction at the delay in the execution of the project and lack of safety regula tions in the irrigation dams endan gering the lives and property of the people living down-stream;

(b) *it* so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) to (c) A World Bank team has made some observations on the delay in the implementation as well as safety measures adopted in some of the Bank assisted Medium Irrigation Projects in Orisa. A-team of officers of the Central Water Commission have visited the projects and have suggested remedial measures for speeding up the implementation. The Dam Review Panel which visited all the projects has however, not indicated that the dams are unsafe. They have however, suggested that the hydrology should be reviewed. The Central Water Commission's Review Mission has suggested some specia] safety measures on which follow up action is being taken by the State Government.

Freight equalisation

1364. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2392 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1986 and state;

(a) whether Government have finally decided to abandon the scheme in view of objections raised